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ICC approves highway-railroad improvements near Chapin

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a public safety improvement project involving permanent closure of the Perbix Road rail grade crossing; construction of a connecting road between Perbix Road and Reining Road; realignment of Reining Road; construction of a new, 32-foot-wide crossing surface and installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates, controlled by constant warning time circuitry, at the Reining Road crossing; and, installation of new Advance Warning signs on Reining Road near Chapin, Morgan County.

Total cost for the proposed safety improvements is estimated to be \$486,085. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay \$437,430. The Norfolk Southern Railroad will pay all remaining costs as well as all future operating and maintenance costs.

The project must be completed by May 29, 2007.

ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements. The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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